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Severing Root of Bean Sprout)
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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In reply to the Restriction Requirement mailed October 4, 2005, Applicant provisionally elects Claims 1-4 (designated Group I), drawn to a method of severing roots of bean sprouts.

Claims 5-8, drawn to an apparatus for severing roots of bean sprouts (designated Group II), are hereby withdrawn without prejudice for presentation in a later co-pending divisional application.

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